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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner preliminarily amend the specification and claims of the instant application as indicated below.

## In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph starting on page 2, line 27 with the following paragraph:

The cooperating fastener component is a loop material. Desirably, the loop material is a nonwoven loop material. More desirably, the nonwoven loop material is a pattern unbonded material. For example, the nonwoven loop material may be a pattern unbonded material such as, for example, the material described in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,858,515 and/or 5,763,041, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 4, line 21 with the following paragraph:

B  $\sim$  Desirably, the cooperating fastener component is a nonwoven loop material. More desirably, the nonwoven loop material is a pattern unbonded material.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 5, line 7 with the following paragraph:

a cooperating fastener component on an upper surface of the wing such that the wings of the 3 sanitary napkin are capable of being joined by bringing the upper and lower surfaces of respective wings into an overlapping and interengaging configuration; wherein the interengaged wings are